

Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works

Date: August 26, 2003

To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee

Referral to: None

Subject: Special Boulevard Permit action regarding paving the inside boulevard at

1020 East Franklin Avenue (The Franklin Bakery)

Recommendation: Regarding a Special Boulevard Permit Application to pave the inside boulevard at 1020 East Franklin Avenue:

- 1. On 11th Avenue South, between the existing public sidewalk and the property line, be granted.
- 2. On 10th Avenue South, between the existing public sidewalk and the property line, <u>not</u> be granted.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works

Presenters: Michael D. Kennedy, Director, Field Services

Financial Impact (Check those that apply) X No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget. (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
 Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase Action requires use of contingency or reserves Other financial impact (Explain):
Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Background/Supporting Information:

Public Works Sidewalk Inspections received a signed application for a Special Boulevard Permit from Rene Plumart, of DJR Architecture, on behalf of the owner of the Franklin Bakery.

The applicant wishes to widen the public sidewalk by approximately 4 feet along both 10th Avenue South and 11th Avenue South between the existing public sidewalk and the property line.

The applicant has stated that "Widening the city sidewalk will tie into the recently installed Franklin Avenue Streetscape walk. Owners may chose to utilize the widened sidewalk for outdoor tables and umbrellas in the future."

History: A landscape plan for the area was approved by Site Plan Review Committee (Site Plan #7244) in December 2002. The Plan, as approved, did not show the inside boulevard to be paved. At that time, Public Works stated that if the sidewalks were to be widened a Special Boulevard Permit application would be required and they have done so. This type of permit requires City Council action. There are residential properties in the area – including this block.

Per City Ordinance 427.10e. "No person shall pave over or cover any boulevard unless a permit has been granted by the City Council upon a finding that paving or covering the boulevard will not have substantially negative impact on the aesthetic appearance of adjacent residential properties. The city engineer shall process and forward all applications for such permits to the appropriate committee of the City Council and recommend whether the permit should be granted."

11th Avenue South: The applicant wishes to widen the public sidewalk by approximately 4 feet by 75 feet along 11th Avenue between the existing public sidewalk and required landscaping. This widening is acceptable to Public Works because it is adjacent to the proposed retail space inside the building even though there will be a loss of greenspace in the public right-of-way.

10th Avenue South: The applicant wishes to widen the public sidewalk by approximately 3 feet by 75 feet along 10th Avenue South between the existing public sidewalk and the property line in the area adjacent to their parking lot. In a phone conversation on August 5, 2003, between Dan Bauer, Supervisor, Public Works Sidewalk Inspections, and Rene Plumart, of DJR Architecture, on behalf of the property owner, Rene Plumart requested: "On the 10th Avenue South side of the property we request the widening of the public sidewalk because we believe the widened sidewalk will tie in better with the approved rezoning for this site."

Public Works does not support the requested widening of the public sidewalk along 10th Avenue South because it will result in a loss of greenspace in the public right-of-way, it is not adjacent to retail space, and it does not appear to be suitable for outside seating at this time. Public works recommends that this area within the public right-of-way remain as sod. If in the future, Franklin Bakery has more immediate plans for sidewalk seating in this area, they can reapply for a Special Boulevard Permit.

Attachment 1 – Application for Special Boulevard Permit (dated June 26, 2003 – 3 pages) Attachment 2 – Franklin Bakery Area Map

Cc: Ed Backstrom, Attorney's Office Suzette Hjermstad; Public Works Council Member Dean Zimmerman, Ward 6 Rene Plumart, DRS Jim Voll, Planning



